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AMERICAN CITIZEN AND LES WELFARE/EVACUATIONS

11. (SBU) Embassy Port-au-Prince is identifying drivers familiar with the city; a majority of these drivers are being used to move American citizens to the airport for evacuation. MINUSTAH will help with transportation as long as civil unrest does not increase. Approximately 20 of 300 Locally Employed Staff (LES) have been accounted for, and most of them are taking refuge in the Chancery. (TF1/Interagency Conference Call)

SEARCH AND RESCUE: TEAM UPDATES

12. (SBU) Search and rescue capacity surged to 260 personnel, including eight international teams from the UK, Iceland, France, Spain, Chile, and China. The Fairfax County team made its first rescue, with a second underway. Three FEMA teams have arrived, and six are on standby awaiting transport. (TF1/Interagency Conference Call)

HUMANITARIAN/SECURITY/INFRASTRUCTURE

13. (SBU) The Embassy is working with Haitian officials to facilitate inbound and outbound flight clearances. The Red Cross estimates 45,000 to 50,000 fatalities. (TF1/Interagency Conference Call, TF1 e-mail)

INTERNATIONAL COORDINATION

¶4. (U) Colombian President Uribe intends to travel to Haiti January 17, according to press. His government will also send a naval hospital ship. (Rendon News Alerts)

¶5. (U) Additional updates are available through our Intellipedia portal on the classified system at:
[http://www.intelink.sgov.gov/wiki/Portal:Cris is_Haiti](http://www.intelink.sgov.gov/wiki/Portal:Cris_is_Haiti).

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